

TOWN OF HERNDON

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AT HOME IN HERNDON

A summary of Town policies and activities.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

This edition of "At Home in Herndon" celebrates the Town we love to call home and the strong sense of community on which it is built. Our home includes a business community that not only contributes to our economic vitality, but also sponsors numerous charitable programs and events. To learn more about our Town and its history, please visit the Depot Museum and Visitor's Center. Information about the Museum is given below.

Our Town also encompasses countless good neighbors who make our community stronger by volunteering their time to work with homeowners' associations, schools, and non-profit and civic organizations. I am using this newsletter to provide information about a few of the many volunteer opportunities in Herndon. Each of these organizations helps to improve the quality of life for our citizens. I urge each of you to find some time in the coming months to volunteer in our community. For a more complete list of volunteer opportunities, please call the Town Clerk at 703-435-6804.

You can contact me and members of Town Council by calling the Town Clerk's office at the number above or by visiting the Town's website at www.herndon-va.gov and clicking on "Town Council."

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WELCOME TO HERNDON - DEPOT MUSEUM & VISITOR'S CENTER

The Old Train Depot was the hub of Herndon in the late 1800s. Today it is a museum and houses our Visitor's Center which has welcomed more than 17,000 visitors from every state in the U.S. and from 42 countries since opening in March 2001. Located at 717 Lynn Street, the Depot Museum features a variety of historic items as well as maritime memorabilia in honor of the Town's namesake, Commander William Lewis Herndon. The Visitor's Center is open every day from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (except Thanksgiving and Christmas). Go to the Visitor's Center website at www.visitherndon.com for more information on dining, lodging and area attractions.

VOLUNTEER IN HERNDON

Following are some of the volunteer opportunities available in Herndon. To obtain a complete list of non-profit and civic organizations, call 703-435-6804.

Council for the Arts of Herndon 703-689-9535 www.herndonarts.org

The Council for the Arts of Herndon strives to promote an appreciation of the arts and provide high quality arts programming. The council is involved in a number of programs throughout the year including the Taste of the Town, Children Hands on Art at the Herndon Festival, Herndon Arts Week, and Herndon Lights up the Holidays.

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Herndon Free Clinic 703-481-8160 www.herndonfreeclinic.org

The Herndon Free Clinic provides uninsured, low income children with health screenings at clinic sessions held on Thursday evenings at the Herndon Middle School. Volunteers must be 15 years or older. No special skills are required. Volunteers are trained to conduct vision and hearing screenings and other clinic duties. Nurses, doctors and nurse practitioners are also needed.

Herndon Community Television Channel 23 703-689-2323 www.hctv.org

Herndon Community Television is a non-profit, volunteer run cable access station. Volunteers are needed to help film community events and HCTV productions. No experience is necessary - training is provided. Most production activities take place in the evenings and on weekends.

Herndon Optimist Club 703-623-6617

Members and volunteers of the Herndon Optimist Club are united in their purpose of fostering an environment that "brings out the best in kids," promotes friendship among all people, and aids and encourages the development of youths. Volunteers interested in making a difference in their community and the world are welcomed.

Herndon Relay for Life 703-689-9798 www.herndonrelay.org

The American Cancer Society is organizing a Relay for Life at Herndon High School on June 11—12. This is a unique event that offers the community the opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Because it is a community gathering rather than an athletic event, anyone can participate. Families, businesses, service organizations, schools, and hospitals are needed to form relay teams.

Vecinos Unidos/Neighbors United 703-481-6953

Vecinos Unidos/Neighbors United is an award-winning volunteer organization which offers homework assistance, organized soccer, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, and other educational and cultural opportunities to the children of Herndon's diverse community. Volunteers are needed for all of these activities, including homework assistance at the Neighborhood Resource Center, Monday through Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

HERNDON GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

Marilyn Katein received the first-ever Herndon Good Neighbor Award in November 2004. She lived in Herndon for 48 years and during that time helped those in need by taking them to doctor appointments, buying food, fixing meals, and taking care of their pets, which included paying for spaying, neutering, operations, food and medication. A year or so ago, she cared for a neighbor who was terminally ill and also her cat. The neighbor's son was out of the country when she died. Marilyn helped make all of the arrangements and took care of the cat until the son was able to return. These are just a few of the ways Marilyn touched her neighbors. The Good Neighbor Award is a program of the Cultivating Community Initiative. Another individual will be recognized this spring. For more information on the nomination process, call the Public Information Office at 703-435-6800 ext. 2010.